

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability mailed January 14, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-20 and the drawings as filed. The Examiner amended paragraph [0001] to correct a typographical error whereby amended the filing date of the International application from Aug. 5, 2003 to Aug. 5, 2002.

In review of the specification as allowed, Applicant noted an inadvertent error with respect to the proper claim of priority. Specifically, the German patent application from which the International patent application claims priority was not included in the text of paragraph [0001]. In light of this inadvertent error, Applicant hereby further amends paragraph [0001] of the specification to properly list the related applications and claim of priority.

Applicant submits that the claim of priority to German patent application number 101 40 208.2 was properly made in the Declaration and Power of Attorney document as filed with the Office on July 14, 2003. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the aforementioned amendment to the specification to be considered and entered into record by the Examiner because the amendment is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention, and to require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the office.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is respectfully invited.

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

Respectfully submitted,

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